IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) The method for inputting text to a computer apparatus having a data processing means. a text handling system, a memory holding a plurality of word sets each assigned to a starting letter, a display, and a pointing means comprising the steps of:

a) displaying a plurality of items on said display for word starts;

b) assigning a very frequent word [, or VFW,] and a starting letter to each said items;

c) selecting one of said items and choosing the word or starting letter assigned to the selected item with said pointing means;

d) inputting the [VFW] chosen word assigned to the selected one of said items to said text handling system;

[f] e) accessing said memory for the word set assigned to the starting letter selected;

[g] f) presenting the word set accessed on said display;

[h] g) picking one word of said presented words with said pointing means; and

[h] i) transferring the word picked to said text input system.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein said memory holds a set of inflection suffixes and including the steps of:

[e] [j] i) designating each of said inflection suffixes to a direction and a pattern;

[f] [k] j) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern; and

[g] [l] k) applying the inflection suffix designated to the chosen direction and pattern to the [VFW] chosen word of step d).

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2 wherein the number of directions is eight and there are more than one pattern.

4. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the one of said [VFWs] chosen words assigned to the selected item have a set of related words and including the steps of;

{c] [j] i) designating each of said related words to a direction and a pattern;

[d] [k] j) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern; and

[e] [l] k) substituting one of said related words designated by the chosen direction and pattern for the [VFW] chosen word in step d).

5. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the one of said [VFWs] chosen words assigned to the selected item has a set of 2nd words assigned and including the steps of:

[e][j] i) designating each of said 2nd words with a direction and a pattern;

[f] [k] j) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern; and

[g] [l] k) inserting the one of said 2nd words designated by said chosen direction and pattern to accompany the [VHF] chosen word in step [g] i).

6. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said memory holds a set of punctuation and other word endings and including the steps of:

[e] [j] i) designating each of said punctuation and other word endings to a direction and pattern;

[f] [k] j) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern; and

[g] [l] k) applying the endings designated by said chosen direction and pattern to the [VFW] chosen word of step d).

7. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 1 wherein one of said VFWs is the word "a" and said memory holds a special set of characters and letter strings starting with vowel sounds and including the steps of:

e) designating the location to which the word "a" is inputted;

f) comparing the starting to the next word inputted with said special set; and

g) inserting the letter 'n' to append to the inputting word "a' if step f) finds a match.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said memory holds each digit with a set of members comprising related words, related number values, and related characters and where the displayed items of step d) include said digits and wherein said method includes the steps of :

[e] [j] i) picking one of said displayed items representing a digit with said pointing means;

[e] [k] j) designating each of said digit related members to a direction and a pattern;

[f] [l] k) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern; and

[g] [m] l) transferring the member designated to the chosen direction and pattern to said text handling system.

9. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said memory holds a plurality of sets of word stems, and including the steps of:

e) also assigning a starting letter string, or SLS, to each said items;

f) picking the VFW or SLS assigned to the selected item with said pointing means;

g) accessing a set of said word stems associated with each picked SLS:

h) presenting the accessed word stem set on said display;

i) obtaining one of the word stems presented with said pointing means; and

j) substituting the word stem obtained for the VFW in step d).

10. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 9 wherein said pointing means includes two buttons and wherein step f) is replaced by the step of;

k) operating one of said buttons to pick the assigned VFW or SLS.

11. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 9 wherein said memory holds strings of word stems and a set of letters each assigned to a direction and a pattern and wherein steps f) and g) are replaced by the steps of;

k) moving said pointing means in the direction and pattern to which on of said letters is assigned;

l) extending the SLS with said letter to a longer SLS; and

m) accessing a set of words for said longer SLS.

12. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 9 wherein said memory holds strings of word stems and groups of letters each assigned to a direction and a pattern and wherein steps k), l) and m) are replaced by the steps of;

k) moving said pointing means in the direction and pattern to which on of said letters is assigned;

l) extending the SLS with said letter to a longer SLS; and

m) accessing a set of words for said longer SLS.

13 (Cancelled) The method for inputting text to a computer type apparatus having a data processing means, a text handling system, a memory holding sets of words assigned to starting letters, a display, and a pointing means comprising the steps of;

a) presenting a set of starting letters, or SLSs, and a set of very frequent words, or VFWs, on said display as displayed items for word starts;

b) selecting one of said VFWs or one of said SLS with aid pointing meas;

c) inputting selected [VFWs] words to said text handling system;

d) accessing said memory for the set of words assigned to selected SLSs;

e) displaying the set of word accessed on said display; and

f) obtaining one of said words from said displayed set with said pointing means;

h) transferring the obtained word to said text handling system.

14. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 13 wherein said memory also holds a set of inflection suffixes and including the steps of;

i) assigned each of said inflection suffixes to a direction and a pattern;

j) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern;

k) applying the inflection suffix assigned to the chosen direction and pattern to the selected VFW of step b); and

l) substituting the result of step k) for the VFW of step c).

15. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 13 wherein said memory holds second sets of word sets and including the steps of;

i) assigning each of a set of inputs of letters and access of said second sets of word sets to a direction and a pattern;

j) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern;

k) setting up the input assigned to the direction and pattern chosen; and

l) inputting the input set up to said text handling system.

16. (Cancelled) The method for inputting text to a computer type apparatus having a data processing means, a text handling system, a memory, a display, and a pointing means comprising the steps of;

a) displaying a plurality of items on said display for word start inputs;

b) assigning a text unit with multiple inputs to each of said displayed items;

c) designating each of said multiple inputs to a direction and a pattern;

d) selecting one of on of said displayed items with aid pointing meas;

e) moving said pointing means in a chosen direction and pattern;

f) inputting the one of said multiple inputs designated to the chose direction and pattern; to said text handling system.

17. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 16 wherein there are eight directions and more than one pattern.

18. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 17 wherein one of said patterns is a 'Hop' or movement above the surface..

19. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 17 wherein said patterns are straight lines and one of said pattern is distinguishing be a starting delay.

20. (Cancelled) The method according to Claim 17 wherein said patterns are straight lines and one of said patterns is distinguished by an ending stop.

21. (New) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the items displayed are the text of the respective very frequent words assigned to the respective item.

22. (New) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said display has a touch sensitive screen, said pointing means consists of a pen and wherein tapping with said pen on one sections of the selected item chooses the word assigned and on another section of said item chooses said starting letter assigned.

23. (New) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said display has a touch sensitive screen, said pointing means consists of a pen and wherein touching one of said displayed items with said pen selects said item and wherein removing said pen immediately chooses one of said assigned word or starting letter and remaining for an appreciable period chooses the other of said assigned word or starting letter.

24. (New) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said pointing means consists of a mouse with a plurality of buttons and wherein operating one of said buttons chooses said word assigned and another of said buttons chooses said starting letter .

25. (New) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said memory holds a sets of inflection suffixes and including the steps of:

j) obtaining said set of suffixes from said memory;

k) showing the suffixes of said set on said display;

l) touching the display of one of said suffixes with said pointing means; and

m) applying the touched suffix to the word transferred to said text input system.

26. (New) The method for inputting text to a computer type apparatus having a data processing means, a text handling system, a memory holding letter strings and characters starting with vowel sounds, a display, and an input means comprising the steps of :

a) displaying a plurality of items on said display for word starts;

b) assigning a very frequent word to each of said items;

c) selecting one of said items with said input means;

d) inputting the word assigned to the selected item to said text input system; and

e) inserting the letter "n" after the word "a" if the word assigned to the following selected item starts with a vowel sound.

27. (New) The method according to Claim 26 wherein words starting with vowel letters and words starting with "h" followed by some letter strings are taken as words starting with vowel sounds.

28. (New) The method according to Claim 27 wherein capitalized abbreviations starting with letters having names starting with vowel sounds are taken as words starting with vowel sounds.

29. (New) The method for inputting text to a computer type apparatus having a data processing means, a text handling system, a memory holding a plurality of word sets, a display with a touch sensitive screen, and a pen or stylus comprising the steps of :

a) displaying a plurality of items on said display for word starts;

b) assigning a word and a starting letter to each of said items;

c) selecting one of said displayed items with a touch of the pen or stylus;

d) obtaining either the word or the starting letter assigned to the selected item with said pen or stylus;

e) inputting an obtained word to said text input system;

f) accessing said memory for the word set assigned to an obtained starting letter;

g) presenting the word set accessed on said display;

h) picking one of said presented words with a touch of said pen or stylus on the display of said picked word; and

l) transferring the member designated to the chosen direction and pattern to said text input system.

30. (New) The method according to Claim 29 wherein the items displayed consist of the text of the words assigned to said items.

31. (New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein said pen or stylus obtains the assigned word by touching a first section of said displayed item and the assigned starting letter by touching a second section of said displayed item.

32. (New) The method according to Claim 30 wherein touching one of said displayed items with said pen or stylus selects said item and wherein removing said pen or stylus immediately obtains one of said assigned word or starting letter and remaining for an appreciable period obtains the other of said assigned word or starting letter.

33. (New) The method according to Claim 29 wherein said memory holds a set of members comprising related words and number values for each digit and wherein the displayed items of step a) include said digits and wherein said method includes the steps of :

j) picking one of said displayed items representing a digit with said pen or stylus;

k) designating each of said digit related members to a direction and a pattern;